

Note: Like superscripted numbers are related to associate requirements:

37 CFR 1.131 (b) states in part "...The showing of facts ¹ shall be such, in character and weight, as to establish as to establish reduction to practice ² prior to the effective date of the reference, or conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the reference..." the inventors declared:

3. We completed the invention ², having made drawings, computer code and graphic display content ¹ therein and disclosed the same to others, in this country prior to November 11, 1999, the publication date of a press release StellarNet Releases First Internet Based Claims Verification Product For Worker's Compensation Industry by Robert McCaffery.

4. Prior to November 11, 1999, we prepared programs and produced the graphic display ¹ content attached hereto (and which date of production has been redacted). This graphic display content was also submitted with the above-identified application.

5. Figure 6 attached is a graphic ¹ produced by the graphical user interface that prompts the provider to input data ^{A1} concerning a workers' compensation claim, and prompts the user to send (Ok to Send) ^{B1} the information electronically. Figure 8A illustrates a claim verification service input electronic form, which is provided to the provider computer, which through the program sends ^{C1} an electronic claim number request ^{B2} containing at least some of the data across the Internet to a workers' compensation claim verification system ^{C1}. If there is a matching workers' compensation claim number, the workers' compensation claims verification system is adapted to electronically supply ^{D1} the matching workers' compensation claim number to the provider computer ^{E1} as Figure 8B illustrates. As indicated the resulting web page is based upon the input made by the provider, and includes the claim number (i.e. CA334848399), which can be used by the provider in bills and reports. If there is no matching workers' compensation claim number Figure 8C shows an alert e-Mail ^{F1} which is sent by the Workers' Compensation server to the payer computer ^{G1} to notify the payer of the potential problem due to a lack of a Worker's Compensation number assigned to the claim. Thus, the workers' compensation claims verification

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system automatically sends an indication of the lack of determining ^{F1} the workers' compensation claim number to a selected one of a plurality of payer computers ^{G1} as more fully described in the specification.

(THE FOLLOWING IS CLAIM 1 AS AMENDED):

6. This work demonstrates that prior to November 11, 1999 we possessed a system comprising: (1) software^A accessed at a provider computer, the software adapted to:

prompt the provider to input data ^{A1} concerning a workers' compensation claim,

send ^{B1} an electronic claim number request ^{B2} containing at least some of the data across the Internet to a workers' compensation claim verification system;

(2) and a workers' compensation claims verification system adapted to

receive the at least some of the data ^{C1};
and determine ^{D1,E1} a matching workers' compensation claim number associated with said data;

and, if there is a matching workers' compensation claim number, the workers' compensation claims verification system is adapted to

electronically supply ^{D1} the matching workers' compensation claim number to the provider computer ^{E1}, or

if there is no matching workers' compensation claim number,

the workers' compensation claims verification system automatically sends an indication ^{F1} of the lack of determining the workers' compensation claim number to a selected one of a plurality of payer computers ^{G1}.